



## Briefs:

### **Perinatal Association Announces Annual Conference**

The Perinatal Association of Kansas, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Lawrence Memorial Hospital, will present its 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference Sept. 16. The conference will be held at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 325 Maine Street. For more information on the conference or to join the Perinatal Association, please go to [www.kspak.org](http://www.kspak.org).

### **Registration Deadline Looming for 2005 Kansas Environment Conference**

Make plans now to attend the 2005 Kansas Environment Conference Aug. 23 – 25 at the Hyatt Regency/Century II Convention Center in Wichita! The conference, hosted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Environment, provides updates on environmental issues, new technologies, regulatory information and pollution prevention.

The goal of the conference is to provide businesses, industries, community leaders, consultants, and the public with an understanding of new regulations, current trends in environmental quality, new technologies, advantages of pollution prevention and to have questions answered.

Registration deadline for the conference is Aug. 17. For conference information, please contact Cathy Colglazier, [ccolglaz@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ccolglaz@kdhe.state.ks.us), or view conference information on-line at [http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/sbcs/environment\\_conf.html](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/sbcs/environment_conf.html).

### **Tobacco Prevention Use Program Announces Community Grant Applications**

The Kansas Tobacco Prevention Use Program, a unit of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), invites eligible communities to submit an application by Sept. 7 for funds to support a comprehensive community-based tobacco use prevention program in a systematic approach to support the mobilization of the entire community in order to reduce tobacco use.

For more information, go to <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/tobacco/index.html>.

### **September Vision Workshop Set for Wichita**

The Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) is sponsoring the Vision Professional Institute on Sept. 28-29 in Wichita. This workshop is limited to 150 participants and will include a combination of videotape instruction, demonstrations, simulations, informal lecture and discussion groups.

Barbara Miles will present a keynote address on 'Communication, Literacy, and Speaking the Language of the Hands.' Miles is a communication specialist/consultant and teacher to students who are deaf-blind or have multiple disabilities.

Registration is due by Aug. 29, and materials can be accessed on the KSSB Web site, [www.kssb.net](http://www.kssb.net) and to learn more about Barbara Miles please go to [www.dblink.org/lib/hands.htm](http://www.dblink.org/lib/hands.htm).

### **Diabetes Quality of Care Topic for September Conference**

The second annual Kansas Diabetes Quality of Care Conference is planned for Sept. 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. This conference will provide information about diabetes standards of care and the metabolic syndrome as well as a glimpse of what is happening in Kansas to improve diabetes quality of care.

For registration or conference information, please contact Teri Caudle, (785) 368-7289 or e-mail: [tcaudle@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:tcaudle@kdhe.state.ks.us).



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is seeking applicants for its third training cycle (2005-2006). The year-long cycle will begin with an orientation session following the Kansas Public Health Association conference in September 2005. The KPHLI provides competency-based leadership training to public health professionals from around the state of Kansas. Scholars gather in four quarterly training sessions, where they hear renowned speakers and are introduced to vital information about public health and leadership development. Between sessions, scholars complete directed readings and writing assignments in consultation with a mentor.

Interested applicants must submit a one page bio-sketch and statement of interest to the KPHLI and must solicit a letter of professional recommendation. For further information about the KPHLI application process, see a PDF of the Cycle III application brochure at [http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/KPHLI\\_CycleIII\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/KPHLI_CycleIII_brochure.pdf) or contact KPHLI Coordinator Theresa St.Romain at [tstromain@kumc.edu](mailto:tstromain@kumc.edu) . Visit the KPHLI on the web at <http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/index.html>.